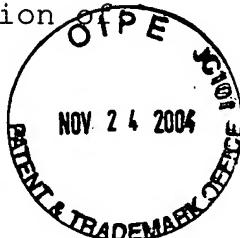


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Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicant hereby petitions for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed May 20, 2004 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from August 20, 2004 to November 20, 2004.

Applicant notes that inasmuch as November 20, 2004 falls on a Saturday, the response is actually due on Monday, November 22, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$ 490.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Small Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

Thank you.

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